

California State Fire Marshal CODE INTERPRETATION

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Topic	Roof Attachments in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones		
Code Section(s)	§1301, California Building Code (2001 ed)		
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When considering the installation of attachments (e.g., solar collectors, etc.) on Class A roofs in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, is §1301applicable if this section is not adopted by the local Building Official?

Yes. The fact that the California Building Standards Commission and the State Fire Marshal Office have adopted this section makes it the *minimum* state standard. Therefore, unless the local jurisdiction has adopted an ordinance that is more restrictive than §301, the local Building Official must apply these regulations in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.